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REMARKS

In this paper, claims 1-10 were canceled and new claims 11-22 were added. Presently, the application contains claims 11-22. Applicant requests favorable reconsideration and allowance of all claims in the application.

INTERVIEW SUMMARY

On 4-5-2007 an interview was conducted between Examiner Won and Dan Hubert (Reg. No. 33,906) at Applicant's request. Topics of discussion included shortcomings of U.S. Patent No. 5,724,508 to Harple, Jr. et al. and some proposed language for new claims. No agreement was reached.

CLAIM REJECTIONS

The office action dated 1-22-2007 rejected claims 1-10 for various reasons. These claim rejections, however, are moot in view of the present substitution of claims. The new claims enjoy abundant support from the originally-filed specification and claims. Consequently, no new matter has been added.

LEAVE TO AMEND

It is important for Applicant to have claims of varying scope, and further important to have counterpart claims drawn to different classes, such as a method and computer-readable medium. Nevertheless, Applicant is mindful of the Examiner's burden in examining a plurality of claims. Consequently, Applicant has introduced placeholder claims by limiting the addition of computer-readable medium type counterparts. Namely, the present amendment only contains counterparts to independent method claims 11 and 20. Applicant has suspended adding computer-readable medium claims corresponding to dependent method claims 12-19 pending an indication of allowable subject matter.

Applicants request generous leave to add new counterpart claims upon an indication of allowable subject matter, by Rule 312 amendment or other

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appropriate means.

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Applicant does not believe that filing of this Amendment will incur additional fees. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees due to the Glenn Patent Group Deposit Account No. 07-1445, Customer No. 22862.

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